

## **Moran Sponsors Legislation to Undo**

### **EPA Greenhouse Gas Rule**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerry Moran sponsored legislation this week to overturn an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule, that would make carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases a danger to public health.

Moran was the first member of the House of Representatives to introduce legislation to prevent EPA regulations on greenhouse gas emissions back in December 2009. Today, Moran joins more than 80 House Members to re-introduce the disapproval resolution, as required by the Congressional Review Act.

“Allowing the EPA to move forward with this rule would have a devastating effect on the economy and job creation – especially in the agricultural and energy sectors. I am glad to join together with many of my colleagues to advance this important legislation that I introduced last December,” Moran said. “With today’s unemployment rate near ten percent, the last thing Americans need is a national energy tax that would kill more jobs. The Clean Air Act was never intended to regulate greenhouse gases, and the EPA must be stopped from making decisions

that circumvent Congress.”

The 2009 EPA regulations allow the agency to put limits on greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act, without the consent of Congress. The legislation sponsored by Moran invalidates the current EPA rule and prevents the EPA from proposing a similar rule, unless Congress passes a law authorizing such a regulation.

The legislation, known as a disapproval resolution, is a procedure authorized under the Congressional Review Act of 1996. The Act provides a process through which Congress can invalidate regulations it believes exceed an agency’s authority. Under the Act’s procedures, the disapproval resolution filed by Moran last December, must be re-filed at the start of the second session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, which began on January 12, 2010.

Moran also sponsored legislation in 2009 to prohibit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from being classified as air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. This would clarify that the Clean Air Act cannot be used by the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

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